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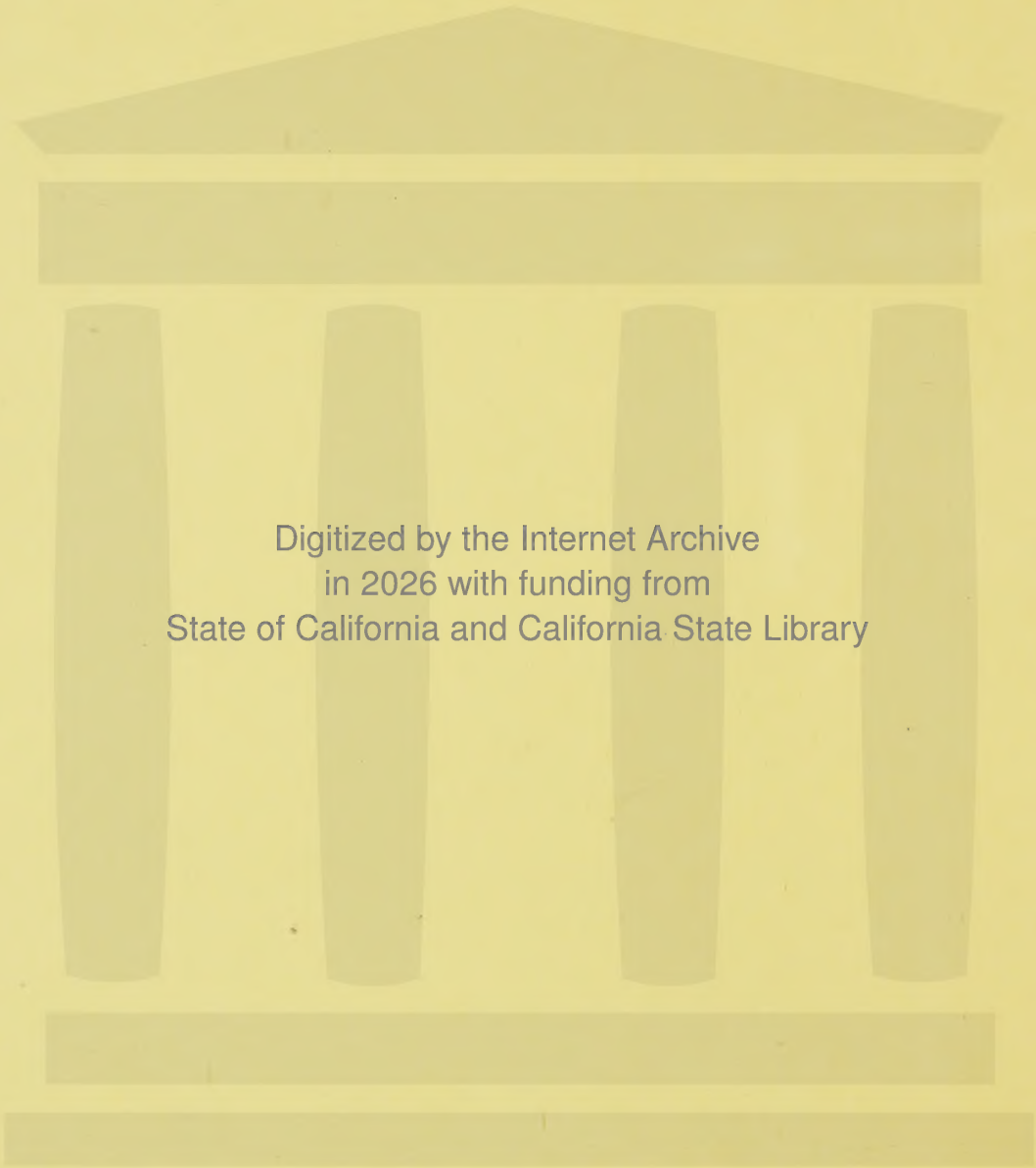

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HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

My staff and I are pleased to present this Annual Report covering the Fiscal Year 1972-73. The report is intended as a statistical compilation of data which reflects the activities of our Department.

The members of our Department and I are pleased to be in the service of our County and we continually make every effort to upgrade and professionalize each area of the Department. As you note by perusal of this report, requests for service in every category continue to expand. That we are able to meet that expansion is due in large part to the cooperation we have received from you, the County Administrator, other officials, and the citizens of Contra Costa County.

Very truly yours,

HARRY D. RAMSAY, Acting Sheriff Coroner

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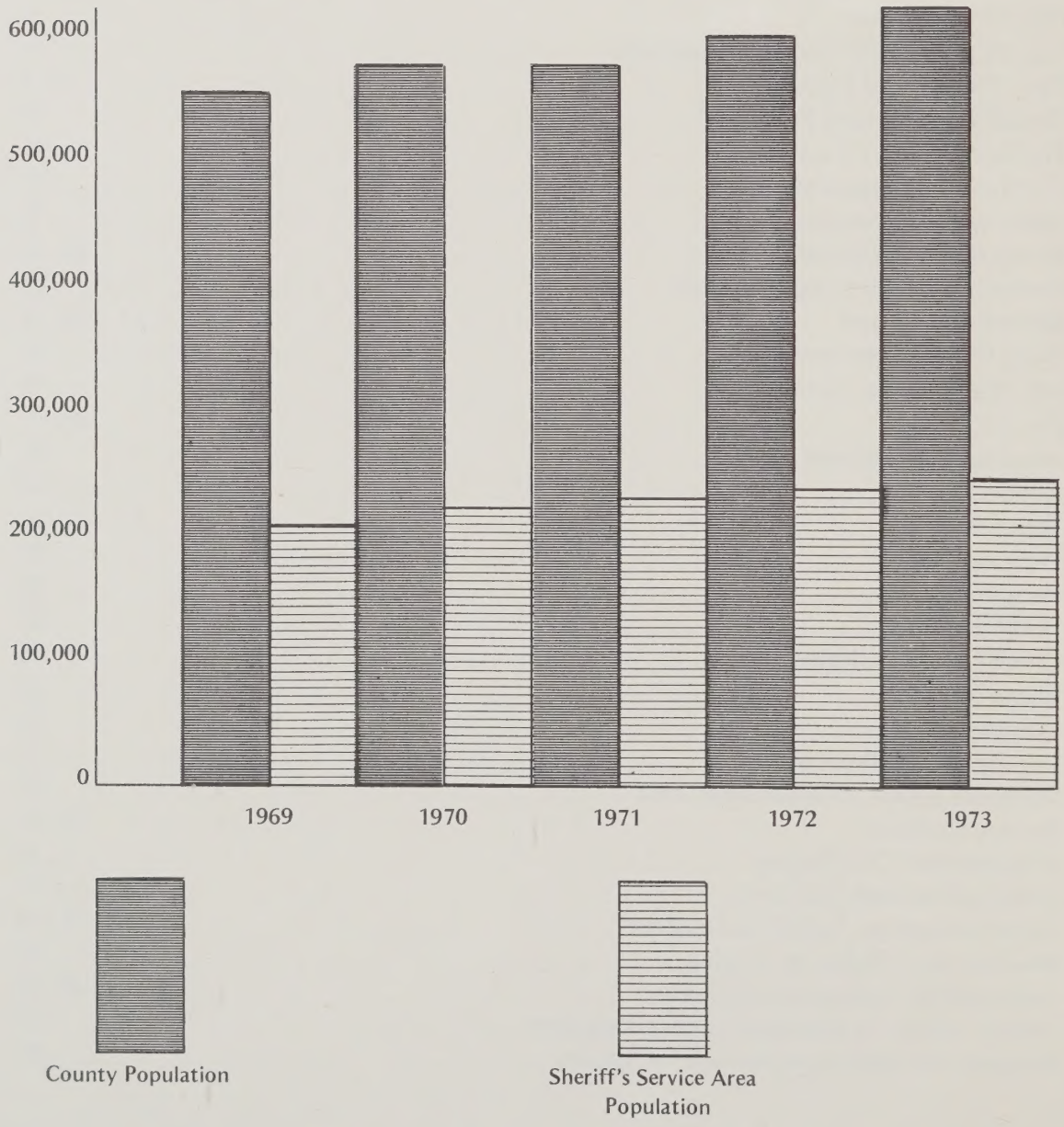
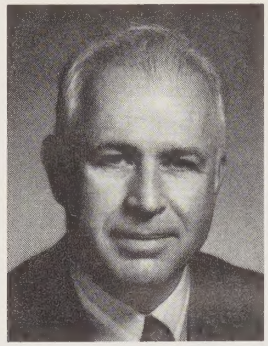
THE COUNTY WE SERVE

In many ways Contra Costa County is a microcosm of the State of California. Bounded by the northern portion of San Francisco Bay on the West, by San Pablo Bay, the Carquinez Straits, Suisun Bay and the Sacramento River on the north, our County has within its borders densely populated areas and sparsely populated areas; industry and agriculture; urban, rural and suburban areas and high and low income sectors. As a result of these attributes, the County has experienced crime types and trends that are not uncommon to the State as a whole.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
SHERIFF-CORONER DEPARTMENT



HARRY D. RAMSAY
Acting Sheriff-Coroner

- UNDERSHERIFF
  - ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
  - DETENTION DIVISION
    - Jail
    - Rehabilitation Center
    - Branch Jail
    - Bailiffs
  - INVESTIGATION DIVISION
    - Felony
    - Juvenile
    - Burglary
    - Special Services
    - CORONER UNIT
  - PATROL DIVISION
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    - Litter
  - SERVICES DIVISION
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    - Civil
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  - INSPECTION & CONTROL DIVISION
    - Inspection
    - Internal Affairs
    - Intelligence
    - Community Relations
    - Training
    - Reserves
  - CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY
    - Laboratory
    - Crime Scene Technicians
  - COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION
    - Engineering
    - Maintenance

COUNTY AND SHERIFF BUDGET COMPARISON

FISCAL YEAR	COUNTY BUDGET	SHERIFF BUDGET	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
1968 - 69	$ 97,704,769	$4,376,602	4.5%
1969 - 70	$118,119,898	$5,578,105*	4.7%
1970 - 71	$136,798,771	$6,205,143	4.5%
1971 - 72	$158,758,640	$7,149,113	4.5%
1972 - 73	$166,292,660	$8,015,656	4.8%

*Coroner's Budget Included for the First Time.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

The past year has seen a continuation of the Sheriff's Department's effort to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of its operation. At the outset of the year, the problems of burglary and the establishment of adequate detention facilities were foremost amongst our concerns. The former was dealt with by continuing a previously grant funded burglarly suppression team of investigators and implementing a four - ten hour day work week in the Patrol Division. The 4 - 10 plan has placed more men on the street during the high crime rate hours. The results show that a three year pattern of increased burglaries has been broken. While the State has seen a 1% increase in burglaries our Department has witnessed a decrease of over 9%. A similar situation exists in the case closure rate. The State closure rate was 16.5% while Contra Costa's closure rate was 28.3%. While these figures are most encouraging, we are hopeful of further improvements in the coming year.

The problem of providing adequate detention facilities remains an area of major concern. Plans for a new jail have yet to be finalized and actual construction lies several years ahead. However, during the past year this Department has worked with what is at hand to improve upon present circumstances. A team system with improved training capabilities has facilitated more efficient operations at the main jail and the rehabilitation center has undergone a facelift while implementing new inmate programs. An educational furlough program has been added to the work furlough program and funds have been set aside for the construction of a work/education furlough center.

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A new crime reporting system, computerization of patrol activities, and improved statistical gathering methods are all examples of our Department's past years effort to provide the most effective operation with constant concern for efficiency.

The coming year will see the completion of the new Central Morgue and the participation of our Criminalistics Laboratory in an intensive one year study conducted by the National Institute for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Our Department is proud of this participation for our Criminalistics Laboratory was one of only three laboratories selected from across the United States.

While we are proud of the past year's accomplishments we remain in constant search of new and improved methods to provide Contra Costa County with the best possible law enforcement services.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Sheriff		1
Undersheriff		1
Captain		5
Lieutenant		12
Sergeant		58
Deputy Sheriff		207
Chief Criminalist		1
Supervising Criminalist		1
Criminalist II		5
Criminalist I		1
Work Furlough Parole Officer		1
Administrative Services Officer		1
Administrative Services Assistant		1
Communications Engineer		1
Supervising Communications Technician		1
Senior Communications Technician		1
Communications Technician		6
Radio Equipment		1
Senior Sheriff's Dispatcher		5
Sheriff's Dispatcher		19
Sheriff's Services Assistant		5
Departmental Services Aide		2
Lead Cook		3
Storekeeper		1
Sheriff's Photographer		1
Clerical		43
Sworn Personnel	293	
Non-Sworn Personnel	91	

PROFILE OF SWORN PERSONNEL

Education

DEGREE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
A. A.	47	17%
B. S. or B. A.	46	16%
M. S. or M. A.	4	1%

P.O.S.T. CERTIFICATION*

CERTIFICATE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
Basic	136	48%
Intermediate	54	19%
Advanced	68	24%
Management	5	2%
Executive	1	.4%

Length of Service

Average length of service

7.3 years

***P.O.S.T. is the acronym for the Commission on Peace Officer Standards & Training. The Commission is part of the State of California Department of Justice and was established in compliance with Title IV of the Penal Code of California. P.O.S.T. certificates are issued in recognition of an individual officers training, experience and competence. Certificate requirements are listed on Page 11 of this report.**

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

BASIC

1. Shall have completed probation.
2. Shall have completed P.O.S.T. basic course (400 hours for Contra Costa County, State requires 200 hours).

INTERMEDIATE

1. Shall possess or be eligible to possess Basic Certificate.
2. Shall possess a combination of training, education and experience (e.g., B.A. degree, Basic Certificates 2 years experience)

ADVANCED

1. Shall possess or be eligible to possess Intermediate Certificate.
2. Shall possess a combination of training, education and experience (e.g., M.A. degree, Basic Certificate and 4 years experience)

MANAGEMENT

1. Shall possess or be eligible to possess the Advanced Certificate.
2. Shall have completed at least 60 semester college units.
3. Shall have completed Middle Management Course or equivalent.
4. Minimum 2 years as department head, assistant department head or middle management as so defined.

EXECUTIVE

1. Shall possess or be eligible to possess the Advanced Certificate.
2. Shall have completed at least 60 semester college units.
3. Shall have completed Executive Development Course or equivalent.
4. Minimum two years as department head.

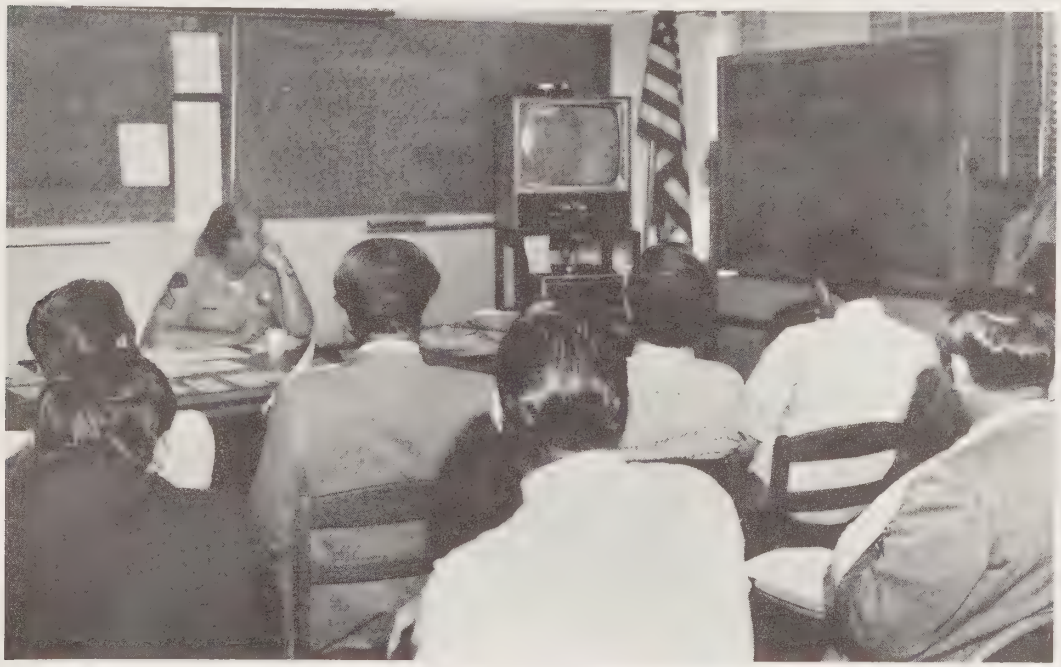
ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Sheriff	1
Undersheriff	1
Administrative Services Officer	1
Administrative Services Assistant	1
Secretary II	1
Clerks	3
Clerks, P.I.	2
	10

Sworn Personnel	2
Non-Sworn Personnel	8

The Administration Section is responsible for the overall department planning, budget preparation, personnel transactions, purchasing and maintaining records relating to all of the above.

INSPECTION & CONTROL DIVISION



The Inspection & Control Division is responsible for reviewing Department operations to insure that it is operating at an efficient and effective level. This review includes onsight inspections, background investigations and operations review. In addition the Division has several support responsibilities which include the following:

1. Training — to provide and schedule the training for all Department personnel.
2. Intelligence — to gather and disseminate information on organized crime and related activities in the community.
3. Community Relations — to acquaint the public with the functions of law enforcement and its importance to them.
4. Reserves & Cadets — to provide direction to these two supportive organizations.
5. Safety — to investigate all on-the-job accidents and promote safety within the Department.

INSPECTION AND CONTROL DIVISION

Captain*	1
Lieutenant	1
Sergeant	4
Deputy Sheriff	1
Intermediate Typist Clerk	1
	8

Sworn Personnel	7
Non-Sworn Personnel	1

*Although the number of personnel in the Inspection & Control Division do not, under normal circumstances, warrant a division head at the rank of Captain, the responsibilities of this position are of such a nature that a Captain is essential.

RESERVES

Captain	5
Lieutenant	22
Sergeant	26
Reserve Deputy (male)	137
Reserve Deputy (female)	10

CADETS

Captain	1
Lieutenant	3
Sergeant	4
Cadet (male)	11
Cadet (female)	6

The past year saw our Reserve personnel contribute over 60,000 volunteer manhours and our Cadet personnel over 6,000. These two organizations not only provide an excellent training ground for aspiring law enforcement careerists but also supplement the resources of the Sheriff's Department at no cost to the taxpayers. Both the Sheriff's Department and the taxpayers of our County are indebted to these two outstanding groups of individuals.

DETENTION DIVISION

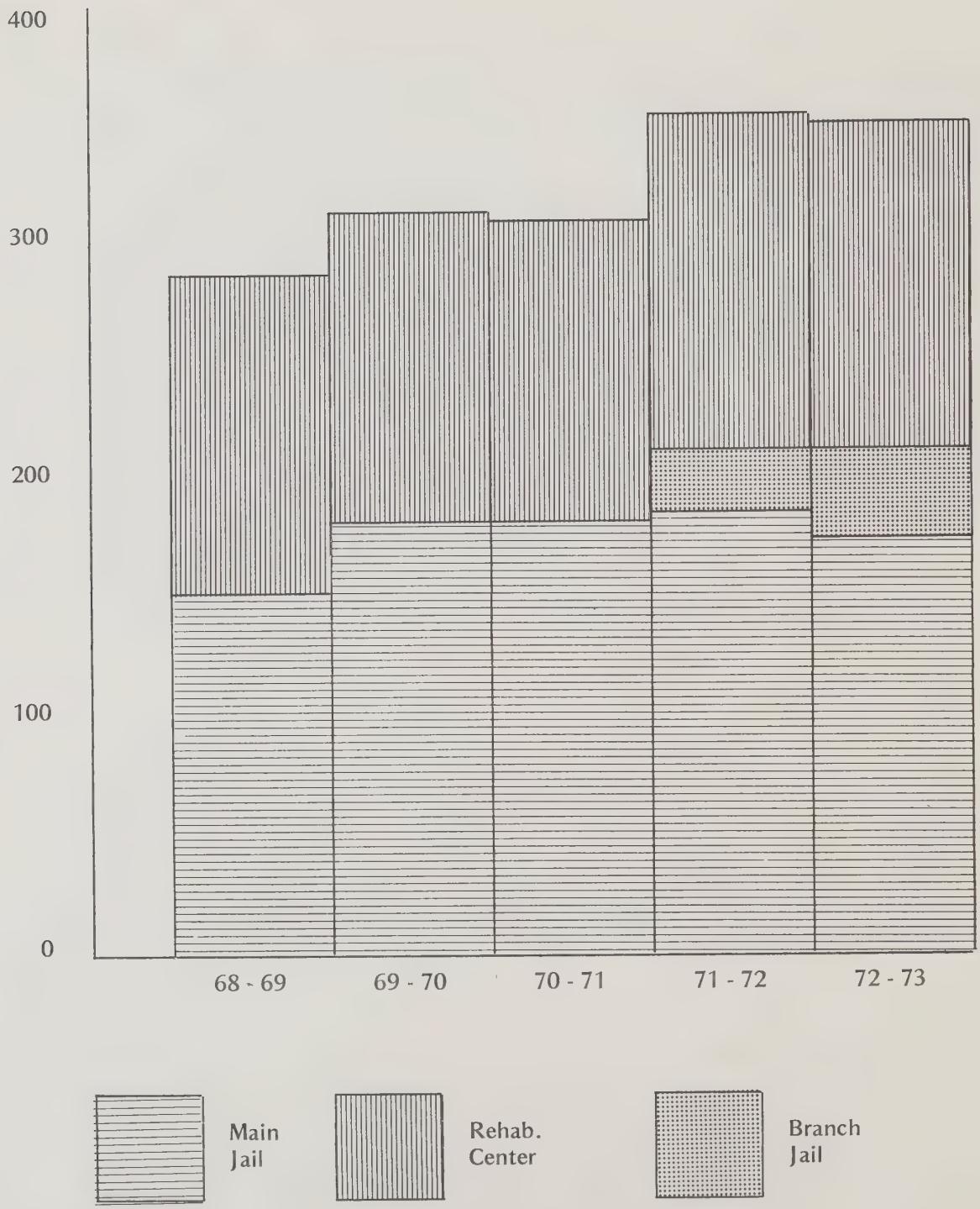
The Detention Division is responsible for maintaining the Main Jail which provides temporary custody for prisoners awaiting court appearances, as well as medium security for those serving sentences as the result of a court order. Additional responsibilities include maintaining the recently completed Clayton Branch Jail used to house the overflow unsentenced inmates from the Main Jail and also maintaining the Rehabilitation Center in Clayton which serves as an honor facility for sentenced prisoners. The Work Furlough Program administered by the Detention Division also is located at the Rehabilitation Center.

DETENTION DIVISION

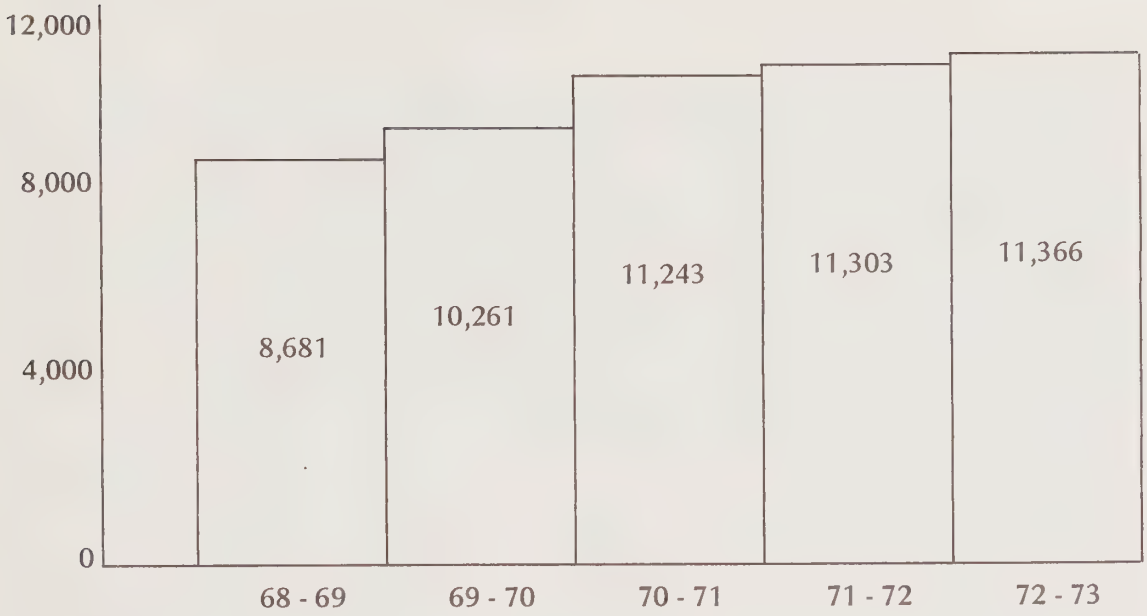
Captain	1
Lieutenant	2
Sergenant	9
Deputy Sheriff-Jailer	38
Deputy Sheriff-Work Furlough	2
Deputy Sheriff-Bailiff	11
Deputy Sheriff-Female	8
Work Furlough Parole Officer	1
Account Clerk II	1
Clerks	5
Lead Cook	3
Sheriff's Services Assistant	2
Department Services Aide	1
	84

Sworn Personnel	71
Non-Sworn Personnel	13

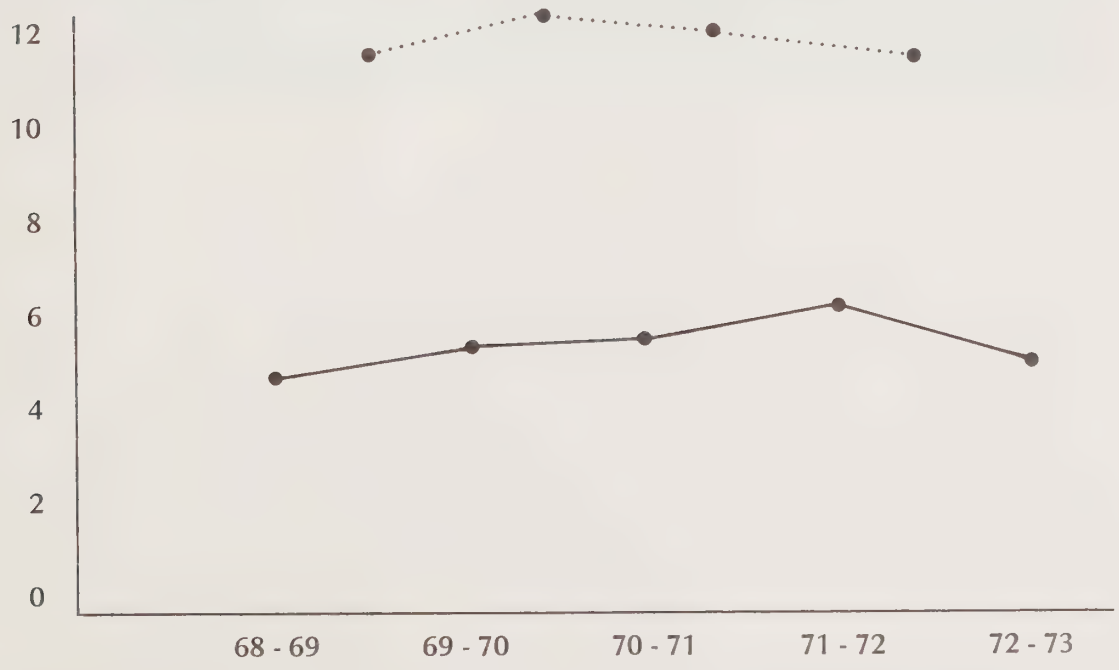
DAILY INMATE POPULATION



JAIL INTAKE



INCARCERATION RATE PER 10,000 POPULATION



PATROL DIVISION

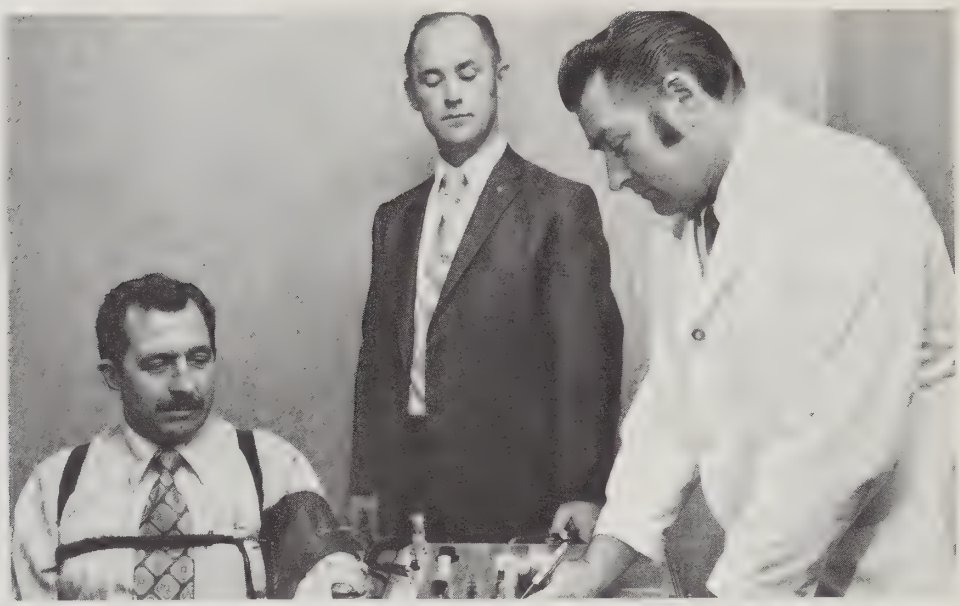
The Patrol Division provides the 24 hour a day, day to day police service for the unincorporated area of the County. The Deputy Sheriff assigned as a patrolman has broad responsibilities of preservation of peace, arresting violators, prevention and suppression of crime and investigation of public offenses. A patrol deputy is the man who responds when people in the unincorporated area of the County call for a policeman. The Patrol Division also has auxiliary functions of Transportation, Marine Patrol, and Litter. As an integral part of the Patrol Division we have canine units and policing the City of Lafayette on a contract basis.

PATROL DIVISION

Captain	1
Lieutenant	5
Sergeant	13
Deputy Sheriff	132
Sheriff's Services Assistant	3
Lead Clerk III	1
Clerks	2
	157

Sworn Personnel	151
Non-Sworn Personnel	6

INVESTIGATION DIVISION



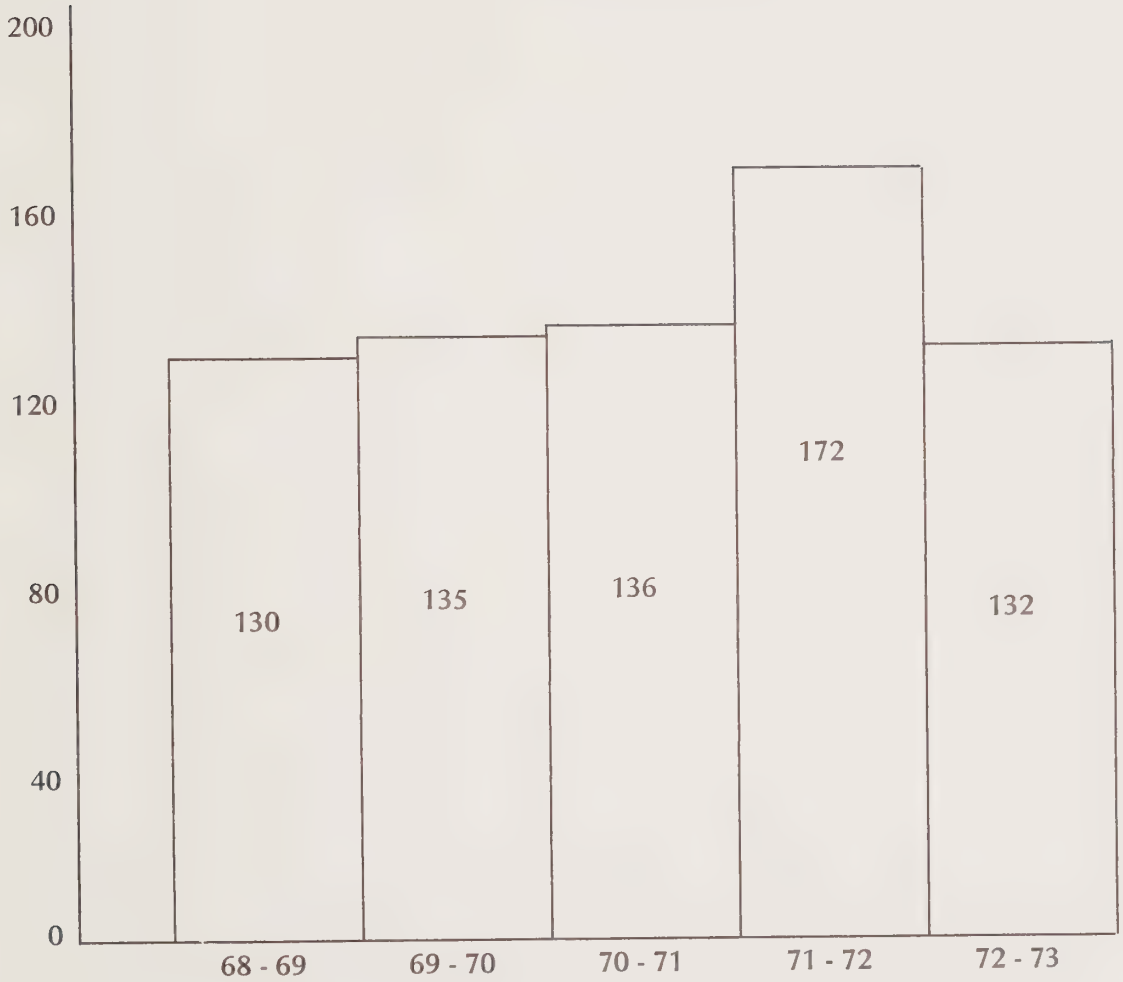
The Investigation Division provides specialized investigation of a wide variety of crimes throughout the County. Felonies and serious misdemeanors are investigated by either the Crimes vs. Property Unit or the Crimes vs. Persons Unit. Additionally within the Division the Special Services Unit investigates vice and narcotics violations and the Coroner's unit is responsible for the processing of all County Coroner cases.

Captain	1
Lieutenant	3
Sergeant*	28
Sergeant-Female*	3
Deputy Sheriff	11
Secretary I	1
Clerks	4
	51

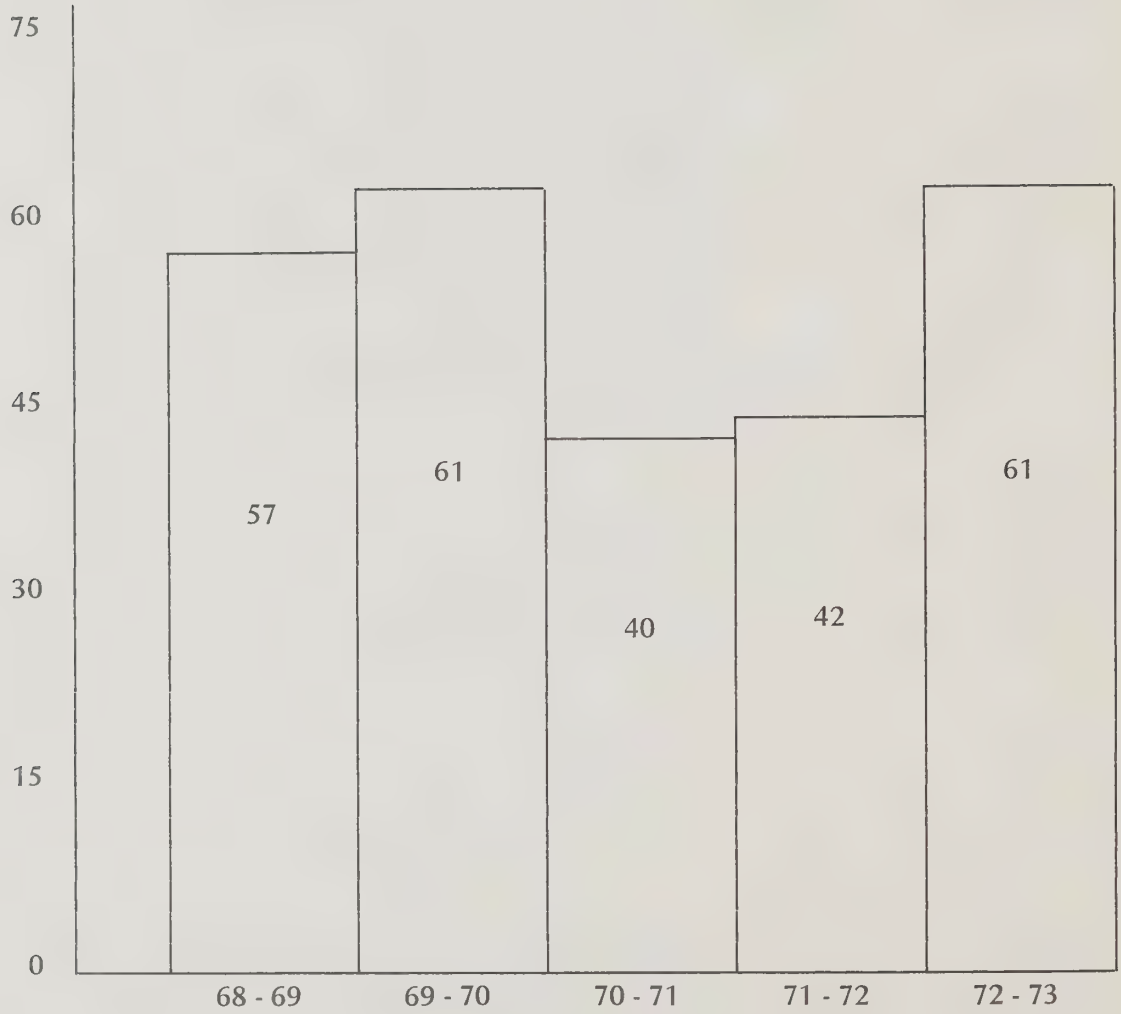
Sworn Personnel	46
Non-Sworn Personnel	5

*The 31 Sergeants in the Investigation Division are not supervisors. The incumbents are awarded the rank of Sergeant in recognition of their special abilities as detective investigators.

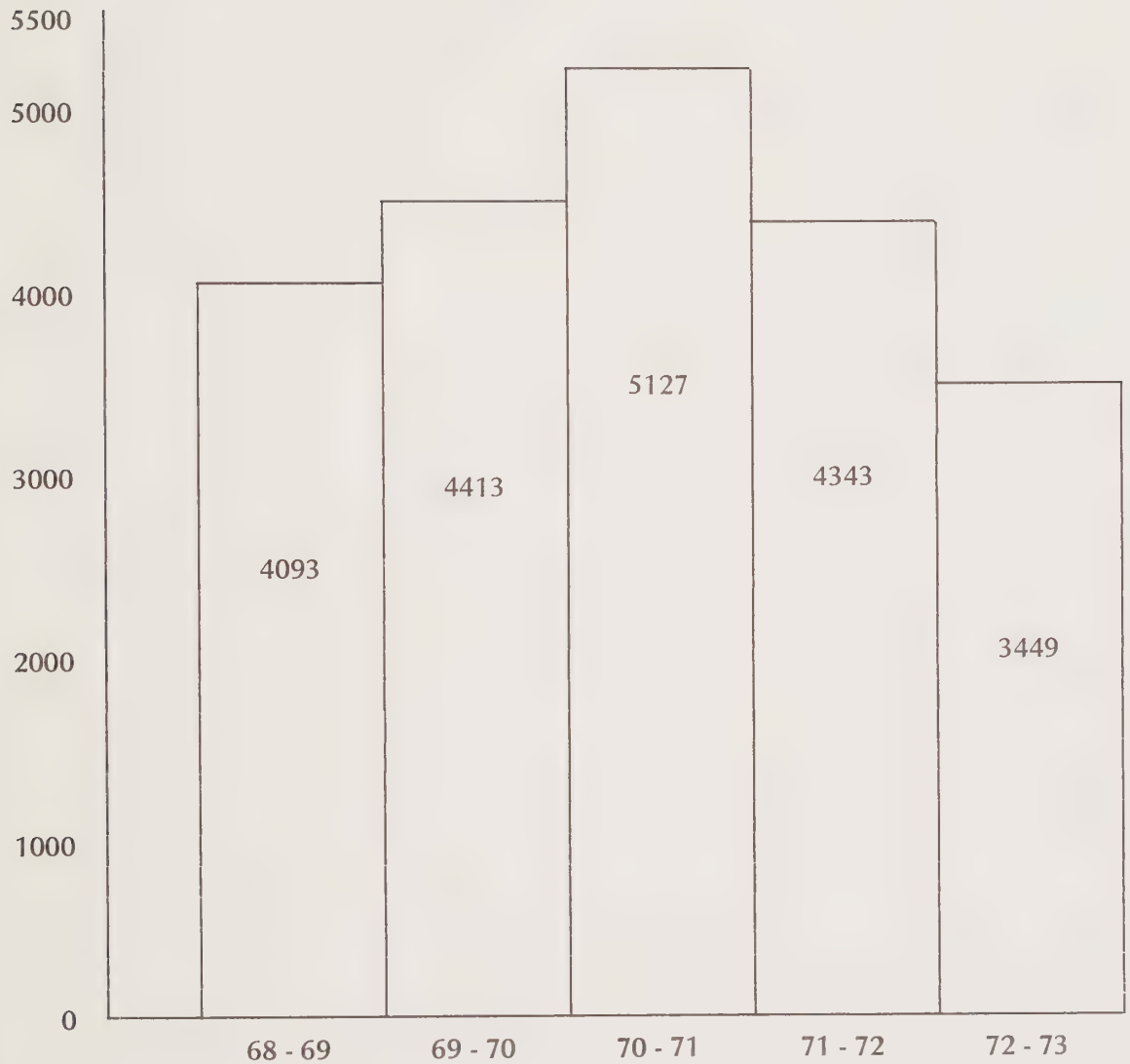
ROBBERY CASES



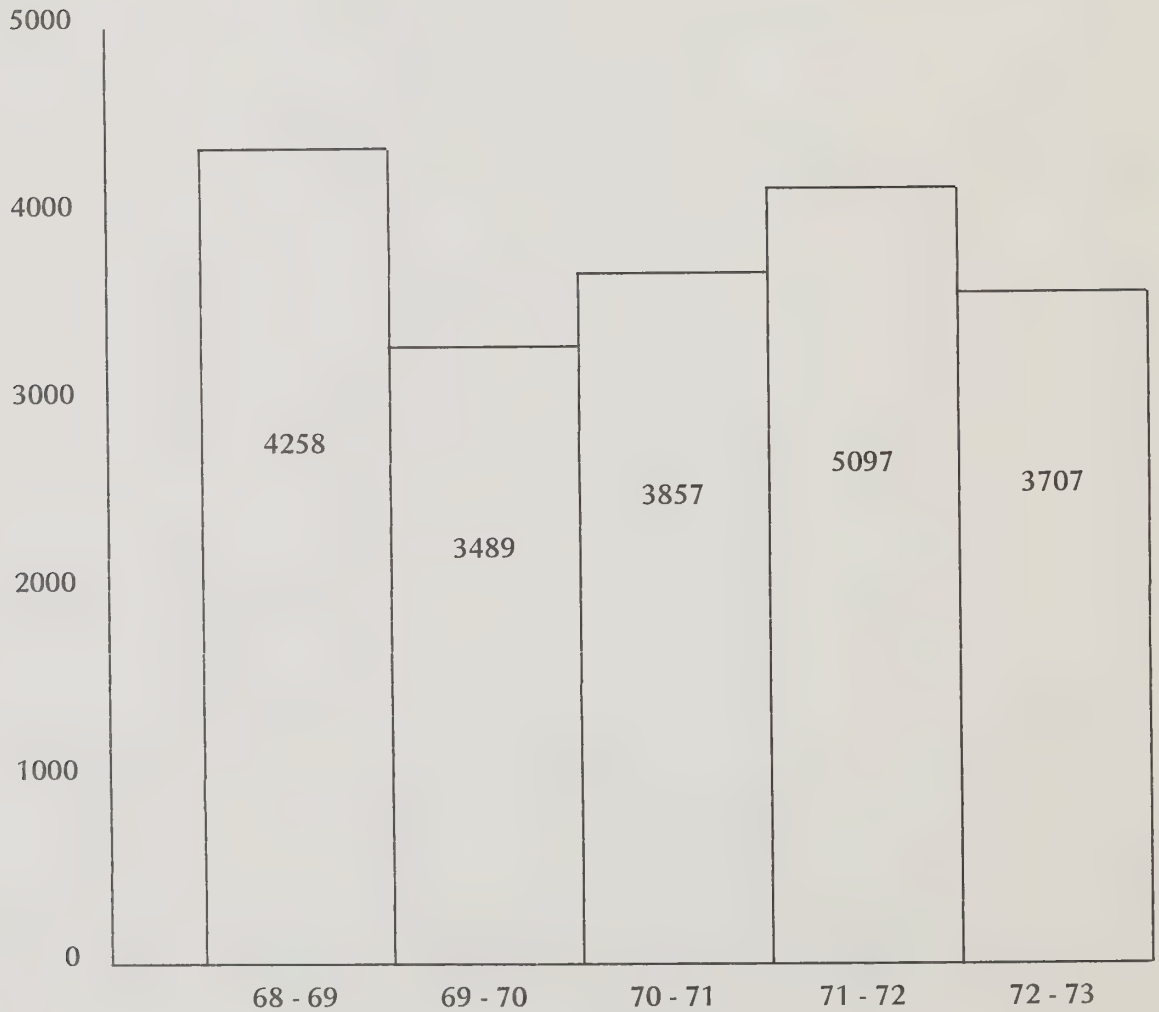
RAPE CASES



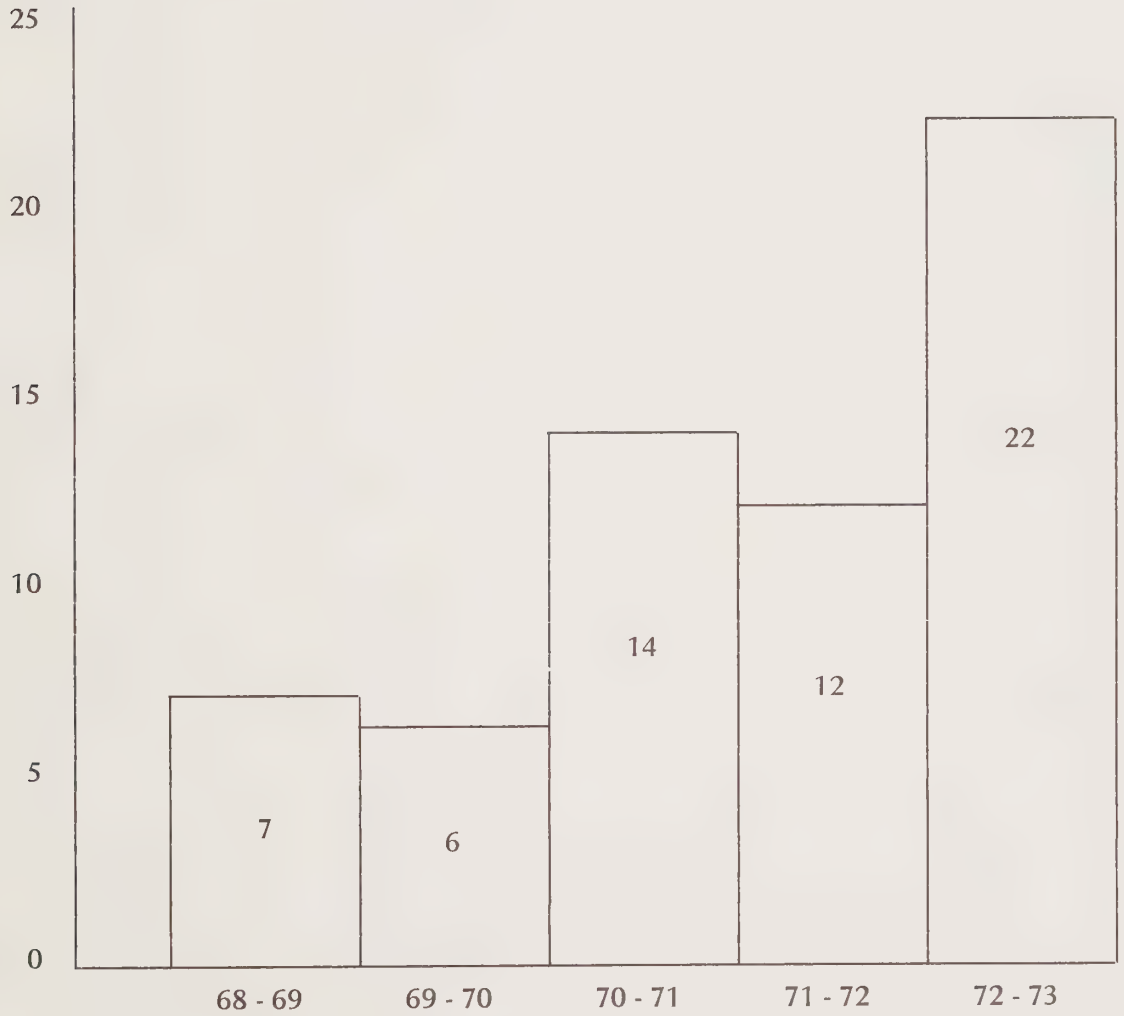
LARCENY CASES



BURGLARY CASES



HOMICIDE CASES



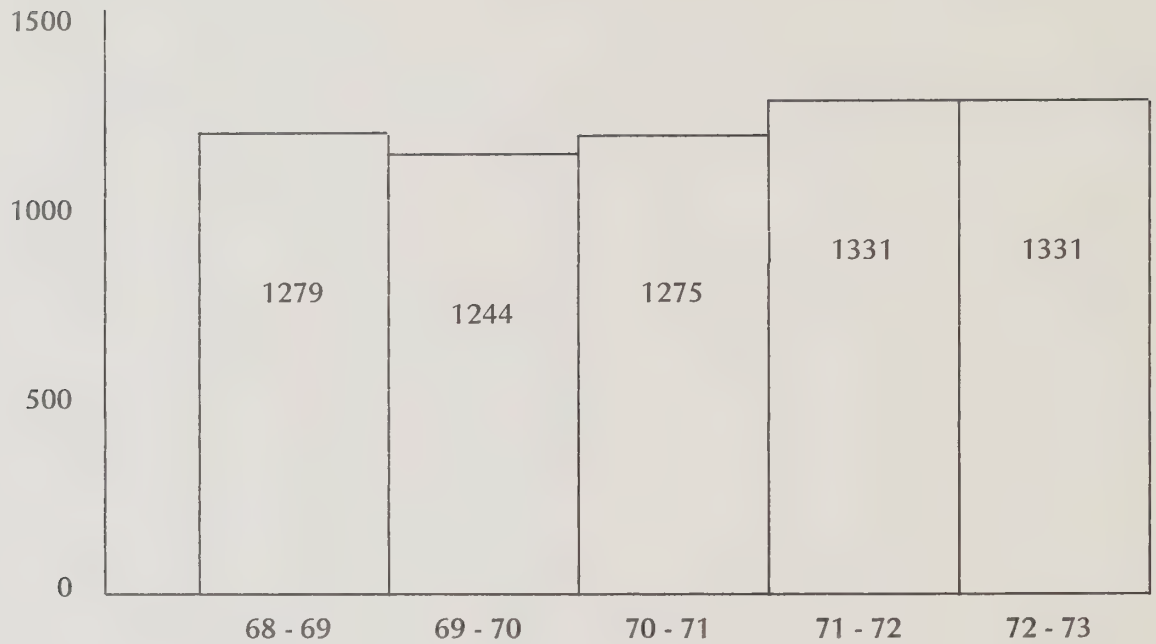
CRIME CLEARANCE RATES

CRIME	TOTAL CASES	CASES CLEARED	PCT. CLEARED
Homicide	22	19	86.4
Robbery	132	38	28.8
Assault	205	205	100.0
Rape	61	52	85.2
Burglary	3701	1048	28.3
Larceny	3449	587	17.0
Sex Offenses	118	65	55.1
Forgery/Checks	150	96	64.0
Narc./Marijuana	310	310	100.00
Narc./Opiates	39	38	97.4
Narc./Dang. Drugs	82	80	97.6

CRIME BY TIME

Burglary	Every	2.4 hours
Larceny	Every	2.5 hours
Assault	Every	1.8 days
Robbery	Every	2.8 days
Rape	Every	5.9 days
Homicide	Every	16.6 days

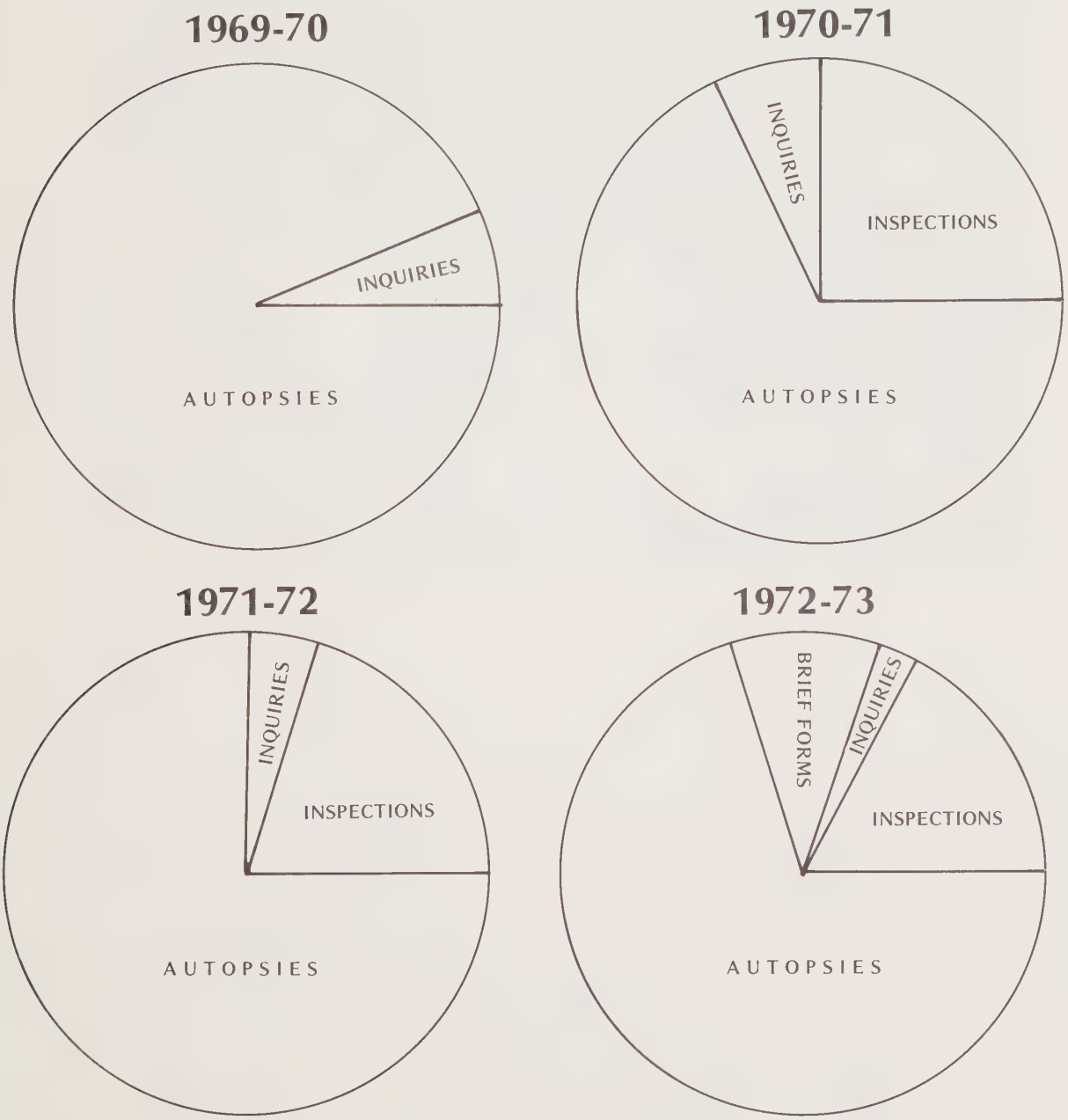
CORONER CASES



Comparison of Categories

YEAR	HOMICIDES	SUICIDES	TRAFFIC	MISC.	NON-TRAUMATIC	TOTAL
68 - 69	30	94	129	87	939	1279
69 - 70	29	85	141	105	884	1244
70 - 71	33	91	111	141	899	1275
71 -·72	41	81	145	136	928	1331
72 - 73	57	82	100	137	955	1331

COMPARISON OF AUTOPSIES, INSPECTIONS, INQUIRIES AND BRIEF FORM CASES



COMPARATIVE DATA: Homicides, Suicides, Traffic Fatalities, Accidental Overdose, Drownings and Industrial Accidents

	Homicides	Suicides	Traffic	Acc. Over.	Drownings	Indust. Acc.
SEX						
Male	43	55	74	15	20	9
Female	14	27	25 (1 unknown)	6	4	0
RACE						
Negro	20	2	—	2	—	—
Caucasian	37	80	—	19	—	—
AGE						
0-10	3	0	10	0	4	0
11-20	11	7	30	4	7	0
21-30	17	15	21	8	4	0
31-40	11	10	11	2	0	2
41-50	7	15	14	5	3	1
51-60	3	15	5	1	4	6
61-70	5	6	4	1	2	0
70-over	0	15	5	0	0	0
BLOOD ALCOHOL						
Not tested	9	10	26	0	11	2
Absent	28	48	40	15	5	7
.01-.09	7	10	8	1	5	0
.10-.19	9	11	16	2	1	0
.20-.29	2	3	6	0	1	0
.30-over	2	0	2	3	1	0

SERVICES DIVISION

The Service Division, consisting of a Records Bureau, Communications Bureau and Civil Bureau, performs supportive functions essential for the effective and efficient operation of the Department. The Records Bureau is responsible for the indexing, storage and retrieval of all Department records, for processing of permits required by County Ordinance or State law, registrants, warrants of arrest, and crime statistics. The Civil Bureau is responsible for the service of civil papers which enter the Department from government agencies and private persons. The Bureau also serves subpoenas and mental health commitments. The Communications Bureau is responsible for the radio dispatching of all Department vehicles, answering all telephone calls for assistance, handling of computer information requests, and the dispatching of all County ambulances. The Bureau also handles radio dispatching for Animal Control, Public Works, Marshal's offices, and the Police Departments of Brentwood and Clayton.

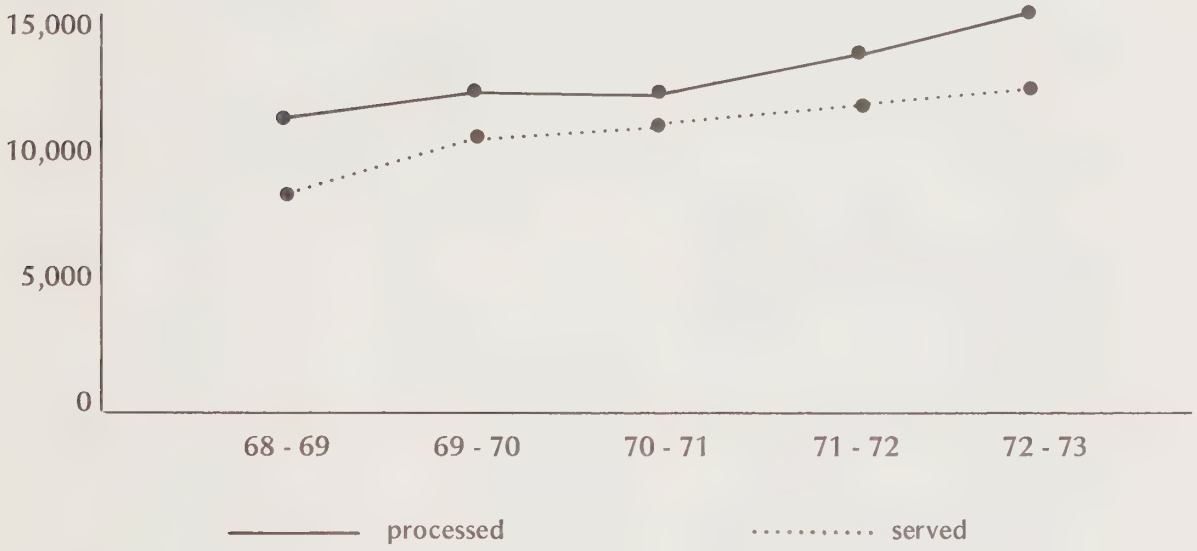
SERVICES DIVISION

Captain	1
Lieutenant	1
Deputy Sheriff	3
Senior Sheriff's Dispatcher	5
Sheriff's Dispatcher	19
Storekeeper	1
Sheriff's Photographer	1
Supervising Clerk I	1
Clerks	19
Departmental Services Aide	1
	52

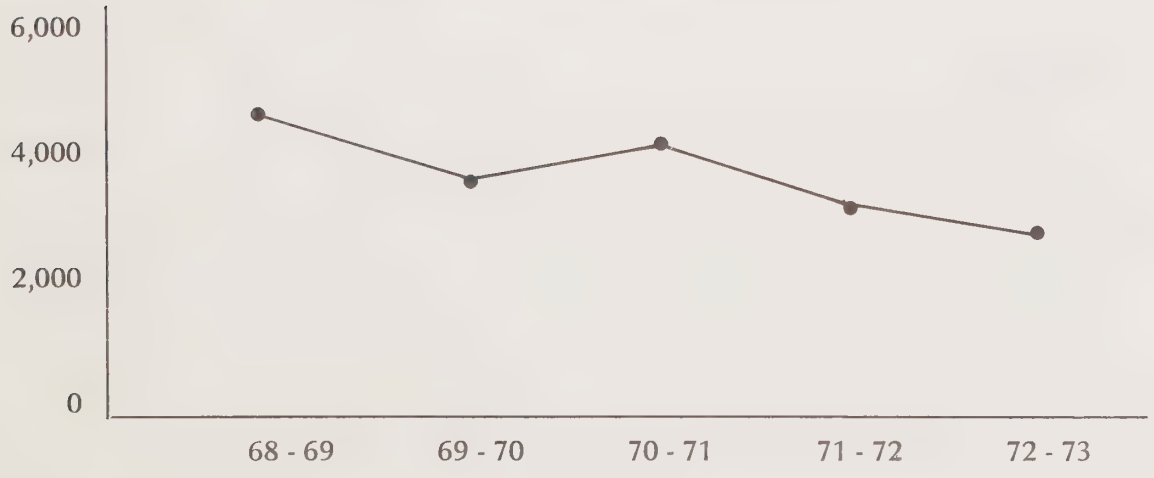
Sworn Personnel	5
Non-Sworn Personnel	47

SERVICES DIVISION STATISTICS

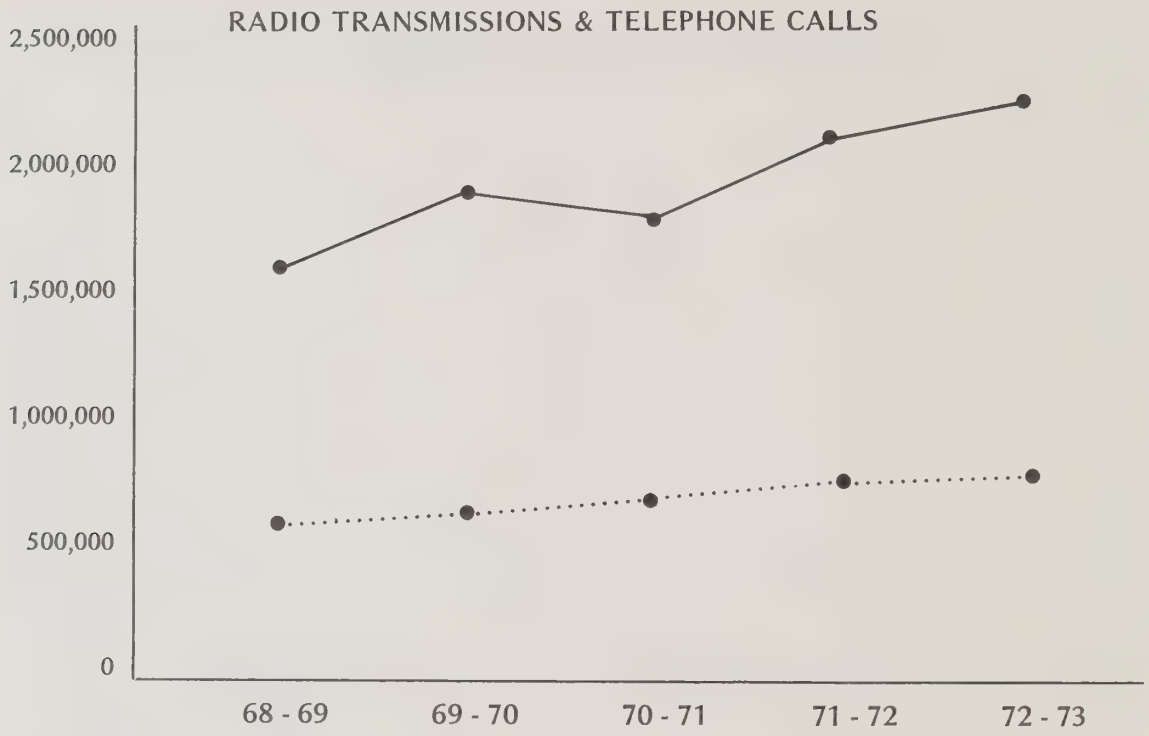
Warrants Processed and Served



Civil Papers Served



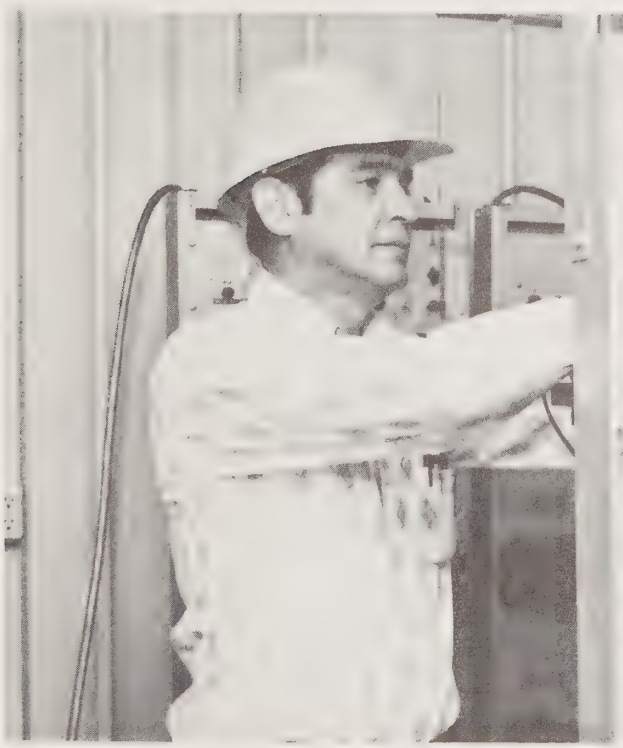
COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS

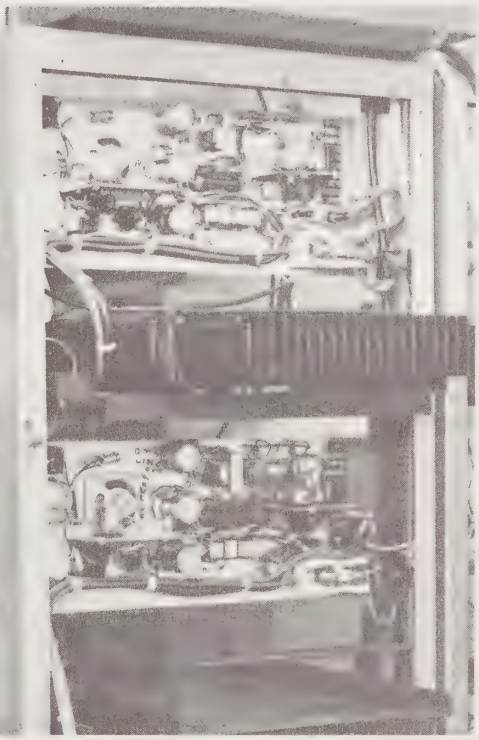


	68 - 69	69 - 70	70 - 71	71 - 72	72 - 73
Ambulances Dispatched	15,285	16,183	18,009	18,452	20,216
Teletype Messages Sent & Received	98,268	96,628	87,060	62,117	49,818
Computer Transactions*	39,811	73,672	76,672	91,651	93,199

*AUTOSTATIS, DOJS, NCIC, PIN

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION





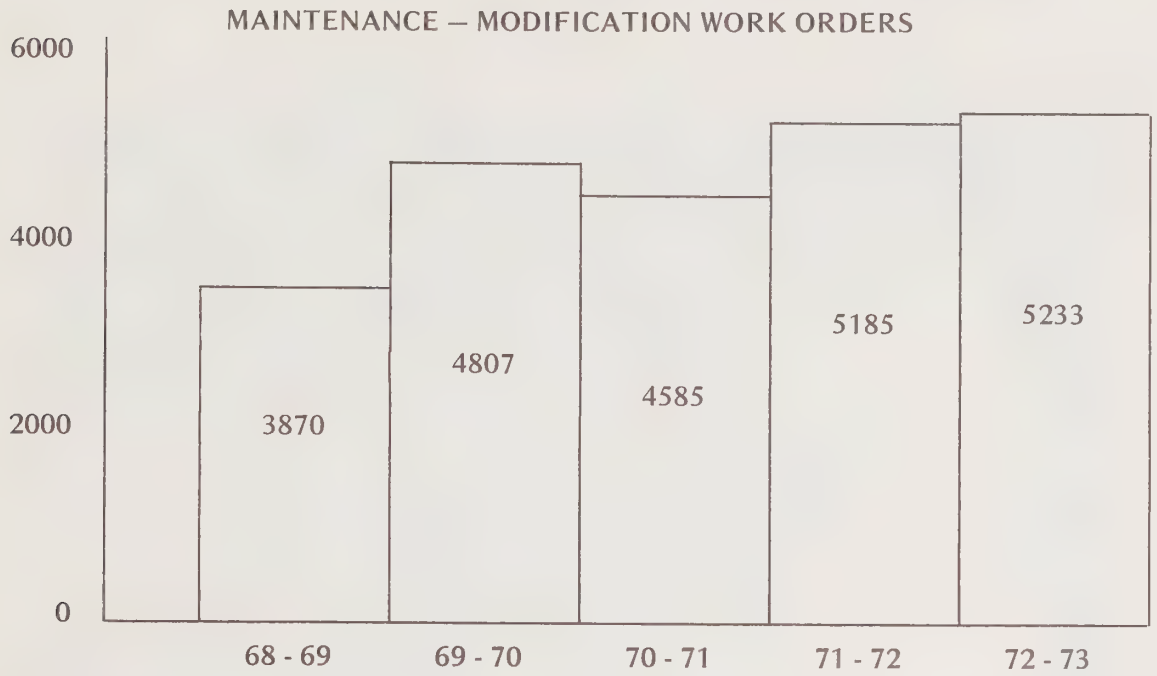
The Communication-Technical Services Division is responsible for the servicing and maintenance of the radio equipment for the County and other jurisdictions. The maintenance unit handles radio and electronics maintenance for about 1500 radio units plus over 300 additional items such as P.A. systems, recorders, etc., located in County agencies, Fire Districts, Park Districts, Sanitary Districts, etc. The Engineering Unit provides technical consultation services for over 70 agencies and serves on boards or advisory committees such as APCO, CLEMARS, ABAG, etc.

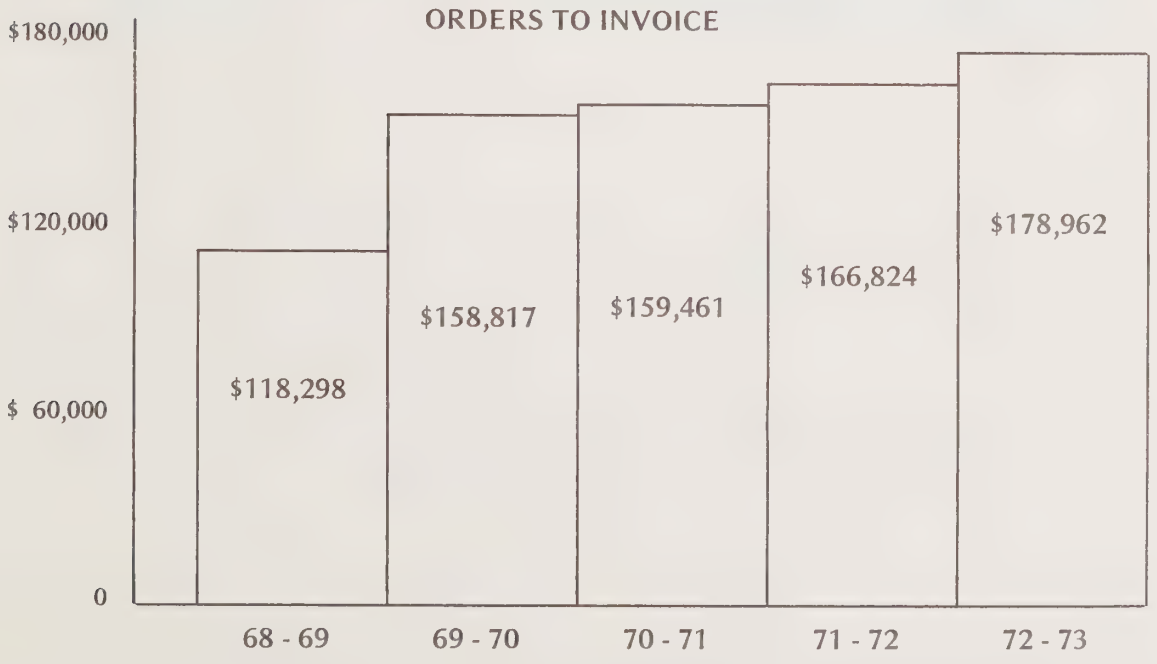
COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Communications Engineer	1
Supervising Communications Technician	1
Senior Communications Technician	1
Communications Technician	6
Communications Equipment Aide	1
Intermediate Stenographer Clerk	1
	11

Sworn Personnel	0
Non-Sworn Personnel	11

COMMUNICATIONS - TECHNICAL DIVISION STATISTICS





CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY DIVISION

The Criminalistics Laboratory Division provides a wide range of physical evidence analysis services to governmental agencies in Contra Costa County. Services provided by the Laboratory include the analysis, identification and interpretation of various items of physical evidence collected during the investigation of crimes and testimony regarding the results of those analyses. All services are available to municipalities as well as other agencies of County and State government. In addition to the examination of physical evidence, field services are provided at the more important crime scenes and autopsies, for the agencies serviced by the Laboratory.

CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY

Chief, Criminalistics Laboratory	1
Supervising Criminalist	1
Criminalist II	5
Criminalist I	1
Sergeant (Latent Fingerprint Examiner)	1
Deputy Sheriff (Crime Scene Investigator)	1
Lead Clerk III	1
Clerks	3
	14

Sworn Personnel	10
Non-Sworn Personnel	4

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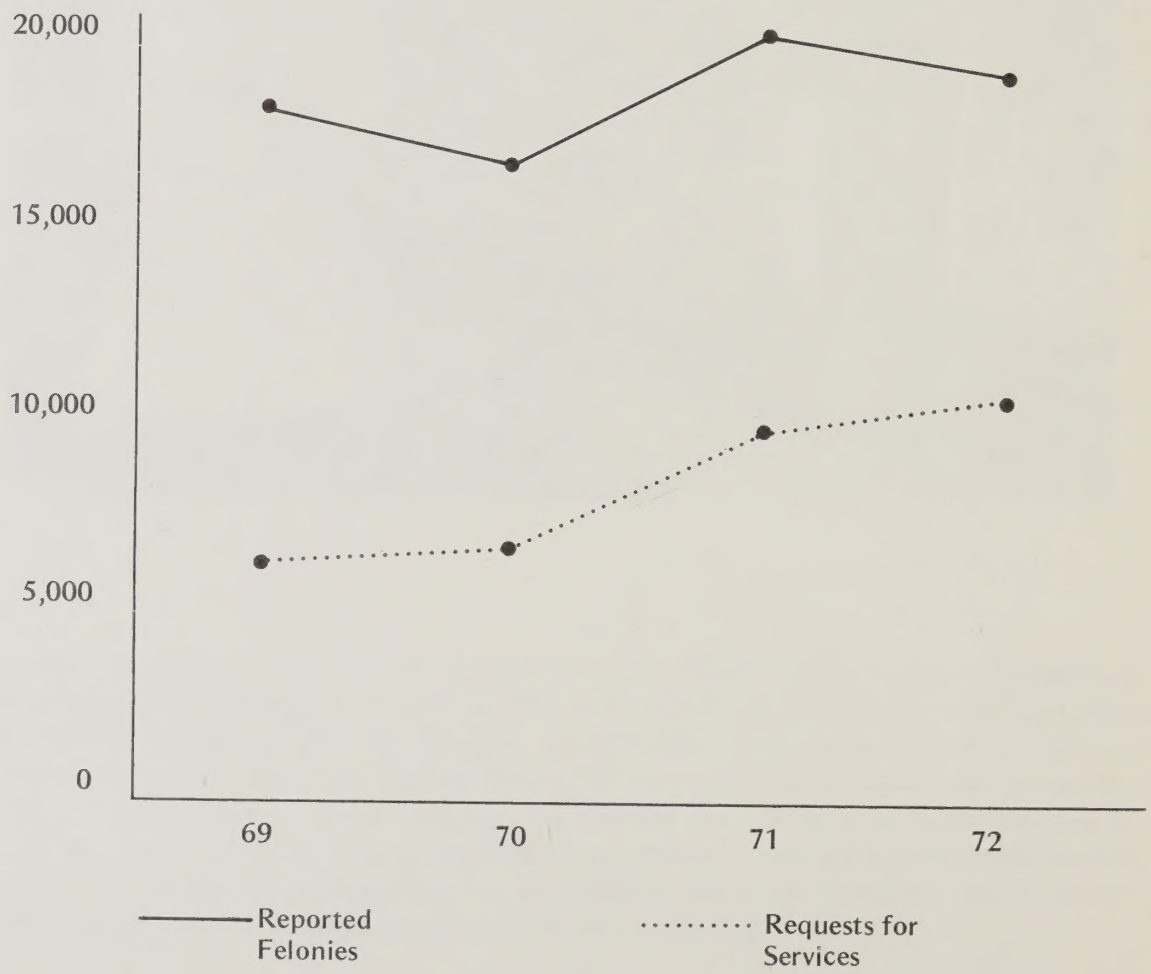

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REQUESTS FOR SERVICES BY AGENCY

Contra Costa County Police Agencies

Antioch	166
BART	4
Brentwood	24
Clayton	11
Concord	658
East Bay Reg. Park	19
El Cerrito	134
Kensington	11
Martinez	335
Pinole	24
Pittsburg	383
Pleasant Hill	206
Richmond	995
San Pablo	135
Sheriff's Dept.	4,607
Walnut Creek	424

Contra Costa County

Auditor	49
County Hospital	1
District Attorney	20
Marshal's Office	1
Probation	8
Public Defender	1
Social Service	1

State of California

Alcoholic Bev. Control	1
Calif. Highway Patrol	138
Dept. of Fish & Game	33
Dept. of Human Res.	5
Dept. of Motor Veh.	1
Dept. of Agriculture	1

U. S. Government

Int. Rev. Serv.	3
Naval Intelligence	9
Treasury Dept.	1
U.S.Postal Serv.	4

Other Agencies

Burbank P.D.	1
Covina P.D.	2
Consol. Fire Dist.	28
Danville Fire Dist.	1
San Bernardino S.O.	1
Solano County D.A.	1
Vacaville P.D.	1
Vallejo P.D.	2

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